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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): Mazzurco et al

For: Optical Shared Protection Ring For Multiple Spans

Enclosed are: 19 pages of specification (including claims)

10 sheets of formal drawings

executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

X Assignment with cover sheet

Request & Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)


Information Disclosure Statement

FEE Calculation				FEE	
				Basic Fee	710
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Total Claims	15	-20	0	18	0
Independent Claims	2	-3	0	80	0
				Assignment	40
				Total Fees	\$750

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Respectfully submitted,



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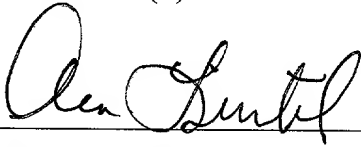
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Title: Optical Shared Protection Ring For Multiple Spans

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